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1733

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01-14-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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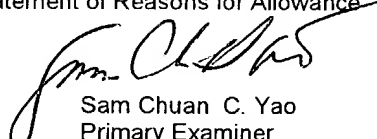
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Tanaka et al (US 3,959,049) teaches a process for making an artificial leather, the process comprises depositing a liquid mixture of an isocyanate terminated polyurethane prepolymer (formed by reacting polyols and polyisocyanates together), a foam stabilizer, and a catalyst onto a release paper; and joining the prepolymer coated release paper to a water vapor-permeable substrate; and then curing the layers together (abstract; figure); it is conventional in the art to provide a low pressure polyurethane spraying assembly, where an isocyanate component and a polyol component are separately stored in different containers, and then the components are mixed in a blending chamber before the mixture is extruded out for used as a sprayed coating composition in order to prevent premature curing of the coating composition as exemplified in the teachings of Kropfield (US 5,810,254); it is also known per se in the art to convey a release layer coated with a porous, but non-foamable polyurethane composition and a fibrous substrate onto a spaced apart parallel rolls, so that the coating material is compressed between the rollers as exemplified in the teachings of Okazaki et al (col. 5 line 48 to col. 6 line 67; col. 8 lines 26-59; col. 9 lines 9-55; col. 13 lines 10-55; figure 2); however, none of the references taken teaches (in the context of the recited claim taken as a whole) *"positioning the liquid mixed materials vertically discharged from injecting and mixing device between the two cloths*

before the two cloths converge and enter the two parallel rollers ..." (emphasis added).

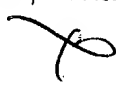
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. The specification amendment dated 01-14-04 was entered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Chuan C. Yao whose telephone number is (571) 272-1224. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday with second Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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